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## Want to save money? Move to Manhattan

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► U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps became the all-time Olympic leader in medals as he won his 19th yesterday. Phelps took home the gold in the 4x200 freestyle relay. {page 15}

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## In the news

## Man dies in motorcycle crash

A man was killed late Monday night after slamming his motorcycle into two parked cars in West Harlem, the NYPD said. Cameron Wharton, 42, was operating his 2004 Honda CBR motorcycle traveling northbound on St. Nicholas Place at a high speed when he lost control and hit two parked vehicles, cops said. He was transported to Harlem Hospital where he was later pronounced dead, according to a police report. No criminality is suspected.

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## Tourist recovering after attack

A Spanish tourist is recovering after he was attacked with a hammer Monday. Neighbors said the alleged attacker had acted "crazy" before. According to the New York Post, the man was screaming "I'm going to kill them" Monday morning. Officials said Charles Yoos, 43, dressed in a suit, attacked Hugo Alejandro, 31, in City Hall Park around 3 p.m. He hit Alejandro in the head with the hammer, calling him a Nazi, according to law enforcement.

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► They're splitting the bill.

## Top share in Plaza Hotel sold for \$570M

India's Sahara Group has agreed to buy a controlling stake in the landmark Plaza Hotel for \$570 million, Elad Properties, an Israeli-owned real estate company, said on Monday.

The 105-year-old luxury hotel overlooking Central Park is jointly owned by Elad Proper-

ties and Saudi-based Kingdom Holdings Co.

Elad, controlled by Israeli businessman Yitzhak Tshuva, said it would receive \$400 million for its 60 percent stake, while Kingdom will receive the rest.

Kingdom, the investment vehicle of Saudi billionaire

Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, will hold a 25 percent stake once the deal is completed, Elad said in a statement.

Elad said Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc., which has managed the hotel since 1999 and which is owned by the Saudi prince, will continue to operate the property.

Tshuva bought the hotel eight years ago for \$675 million.

According to media reports, Elad had sold luxury apartments in the renovated hotel for \$1.5 billion. The sale of the apartments alone netted Elad Group \$500 million in profit. **REUTERS**

## Manhattan the cheaper option?

► Brokers say deal-seekers actually moving into Manhattan ► Some neighborhoods on the island are actually cheaper than chic Brooklyn locales like Williamsburg or Long Island City

Moving to Manhattan to find a cheap apartment? That may be against every New Yorker's common sense — but real estate experts say it's happening.

As apartments are snapped up in up-and-coming neighborhoods like Long Island City and Williamsburg, pads are becoming scarce and rents are going up.

Adding to the increasing rent prices in the outer boroughs are brand-new developments featuring amenities like gyms and doormen. Rents are then jacked up to mirror the perks.

Meanwhile, real estate experts say some New Yorkers can find cheaper rents in Manhattan neighborhoods like Alphabet City and the Upper East Side.

According to a June rental report from real estate firm MNS, the average rent for a studio in Williamsburg was \$2,700, which a spokeswoman noted is \$200 more than a non-doorman studio in Greenwich Village.

Real estate agents told Metro that some clients angling for affordability actually choose Manhattan.

John Brandon, licensed real estate salesman at Citi Habitats, said he has hunted down places



► How the tables have turned: Acres of pricey new construction in places like Williamsburg have driven bargain-minded renters back across the East River in search of a good deal.

## Rent averages

**Average rent for one-beds on the market, according to Citi Habitats:**

- Williamsburg: \$3,300
- Long Island City: \$2,875
- East Village: \$2,800

for clients who initially assumed a cheap deal would be in Brooklyn.

New Yorkers often consider the outer boroughs the place to look, but find that they can secure a cheaper deal with a quicker commute back in Manhattan.

"You're giving up some space, but you're gaining mon-

ey back on the rent and time," Brandon said.

Of course, he cautioned, not all places in the outer boroughs are more expensive — but hip neighborhoods like Williamsburg and Greenpoint have comparable prices to an apartment across the East River.

For example, one person he knows lives in Long Island City

in a spacious one-bedroom that costs \$3,400 a month.

But another just moved to Alphabet City, living in a pre-war one-bedroom and pays \$2,400 — and boasts a 30-second commute to work, Brandon said.



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## The living is hardly cheap in Queens

Where in the outer boroughs is the most expensive buy?

"Long Island City with three exclamation points!" broker Mark Menendez said. "It's just exploding over there. All the new rental buildings

that are being built into the shoreline are attracting so many Manhattan renters."

Ironically, Brandon added, the people who couldn't afford to live in Manhattan and sought refuge in Brooklyn are now being forced the other way. "They're displacing the people that can't pay that kind of money and they're putting them back in the East Village." ● METRO/AB

## Quoted

**"We're talking the difference between a prewar walk-up in Alphabet City and a new high-rise in Long Island City."**

**JOHN BRANDON,**  
REAL ESTATE AGENT

## Which 'hoods in the city have deals?

Brokers told Metro that many clients seeking cheap rents may start off in Brooklyn, but realize they can actually find something more affordable in Manhattan.

"They go out there and re-

alize that the price points are so high that they're equivalent or higher than Manhattan," said Mark Menendez, executive vice president at Prudential Douglas Elliman.

He suggested looking for deals on the Upper East Side, where larger buildings scattered around the neighborhood mean more units.

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# MTA service changes now appear on Google Maps

Yesterday, for the first time ever, the MTA and Google introduced service alerts for the New York City subway system that will show up on Google Maps.

It should now be easier, particularly for Android users, to track service cancellations and avoid being on the subway any longer than they have

to be.

Service alerts pop up on Google Maps when you click on a subway station, Sean Carlson, a Google spokesperson, explained to Metro.

For example, a click on the 77th Street subway station off the 6 line yesterday showed that the 6 was running on modified service, making ex-

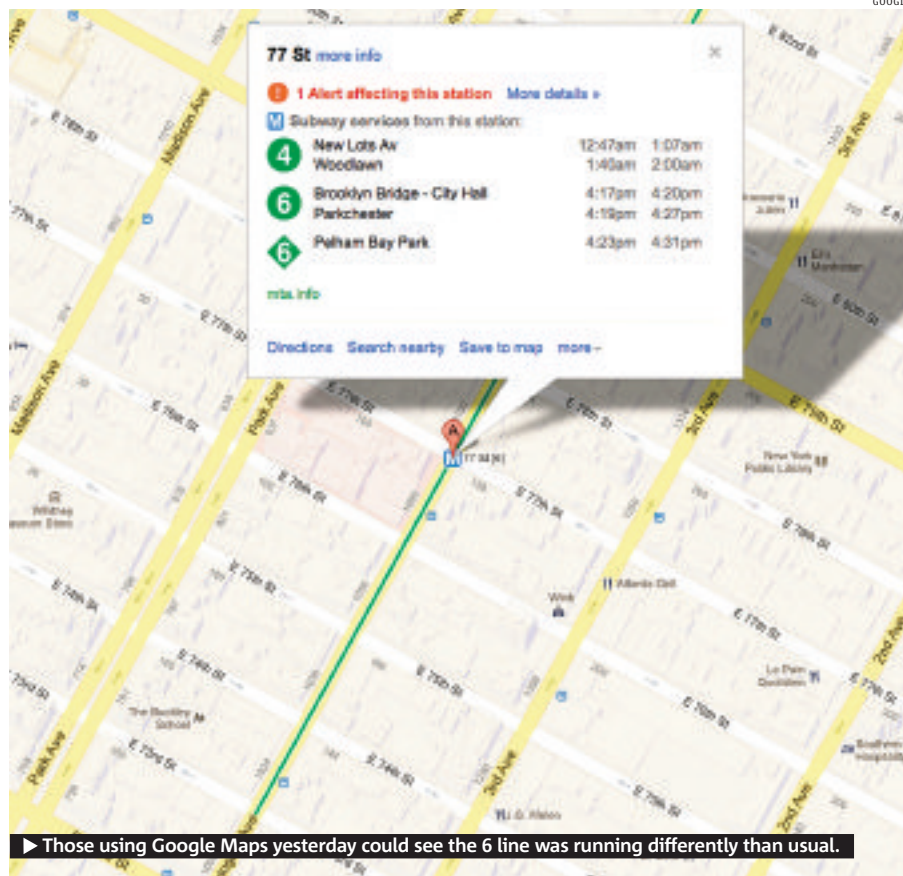
press stops from Grand Central to 125 Street.

Service alerts also pop up when users search for directions in Google Maps.

When using the new feature, look for a red exclamation mark followed by the words "modified service," meaning there is a planned change.

For now, the warnings will only appear for planned MTA work, meaning if there are signal problems, a sick passenger, an emergency service interruption or train traffic, people are not going to hear about it — not yet, at least.

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► Those using Google Maps yesterday could see the 6 line was running differently than usual.

## Bad news for iPhone users

It looks like the Google v. Apple feud continues, as the latest subway feature is only available for the mobile maps app on Androids. The MTA updates do not appear on the iPhone map app; iPhone users can only access it if they use their phone's Web browser.

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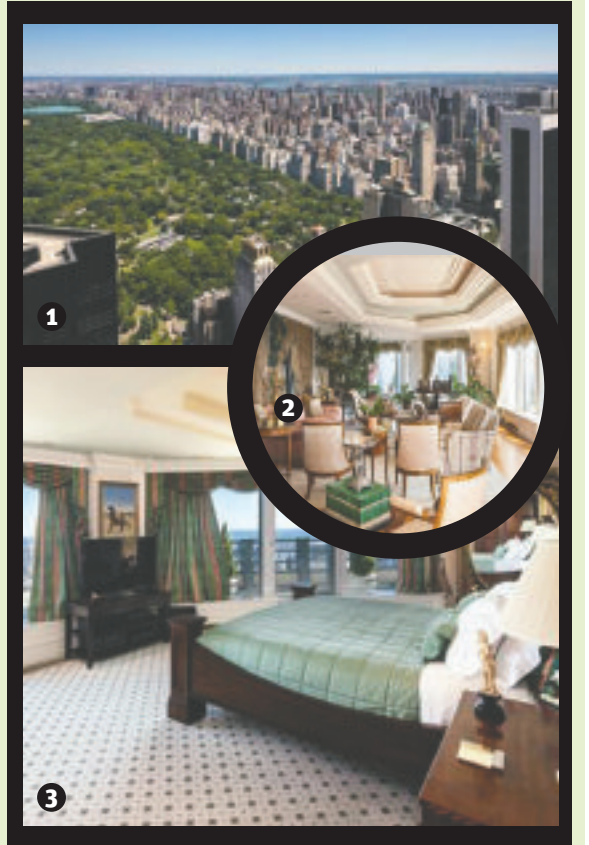
## Already in use in other cities

New York is not the first city to get the subway service alerts on Google Maps. It's been in effect for a year, and already in use in other cities like Boston, Portland, Oregon, San Diego and San Francisco, as well as Madrid, Spain and Turin, Italy. It was just launched in London for the Olympics.

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# Federal and state laws undercut city's gun control

► Vast majority of illegal firearms in the city are smuggled in from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Florida

New York City has some of the toughest gun laws in the nation, but lax weapons policies in other states, as well as on a federal level, are hurting local efforts to keep guns off the streets, a new federal report reveals.

A report released Monday by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found that New York's strict gun laws don't hold much water thanks to more lenient state laws found elsewhere.

Of 8,793 guns seized in New York last year, just 1,595 of them were bought in the state,

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the ATF found.

Guns seized and studied by ATF in New York were commonly purchased in Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida — states with less restrictive laws. The report found that 85 percent of the guns used in New York City

crimes come from upstate or out of state and 68 percent of guns used in crimes in the rest of the state were purchased in other states.

"[In] the rest of the country, the overwhelming majority — 70 percent — come from inside the state, the opposite of our pattern," one ATF expert told the New York Post. "The lesson is pretty simple: Gun laws matter. States with strong gun laws tend to receive [illegal] guns; states with weak gun laws tend to export [them]."

Advocates show no signs of letting up as they push Presi-



► A trove of illegal guns was seized by the NYPD: States with weak gun laws tend to export them to states with stricter gun control, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said.

### NYC'S GUN LAWS

- Within the five boroughs, gun owners need a license and permit to buy and carry a rifle, shotgun and handgun.
- All of those firearms must also be registered.
- There is up to a 6-month waiting period for a permit to buy a handgun, and buyers must undergo a thorough background check.
- Gun owners need a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

dent Barack Obama and Republican candidate Mitt Romney to weigh in on the gun control issue. Others are pushing for stricter bullet control, to dodge Second Amendment issues and the sensitivity around gun control as a broader issue.

Despite his lack of policy changes, Obama has increasingly spoken in favor of restrictions, particularly so-called "common sense" restrictions, like thorough background checks — under the current laws, those checks can be avoided by purchasing guns at

gun shows.

Obama also spoke in favor of banning military-style assault weapons, such as the kind accused Colorado shooter James Holmes used when he fired inside a movie theater.

Romney has mostly stayed quiet on the issue, pushing for stricter enforcement of existing laws. Both have come under fire from Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who says they are avoiding the issue.



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SEATTLE. Microsoft Corp unveiled a revamped, Facebook-friendly version of its free, online e-mail service yesterday in an attempt to reverse market share losses to Google Inc.'s fast-growing Gmail.

The world's largest software company is renaming its Hotmail service Outlook, giving it a sharp new look, social network links and new features for handling the tide of junk and mass mail that swamps many users.

Hotmail was still the world's largest online mail service as of June, according to the latest comScore

figures available, with 324 million users, or about 36 percent of the global market.

But it is losing customers to Google's Gmail, the fastest-growing rival, which now has about 31 percent of the market. Yahoo Mail is static with about 32 percent.

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Most Americans  
favor Medicaid  
expansion — poll

WASHINGTON. Most Americans back the idea of extending health coverage to their low-income neighbors through the government's Medicaid program, unless it means higher costs for their own state, according to a poll.

In a survey released yesterday by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, 67 percent of respondents gave a favorable view of President Barack Obama's healthcare reform provision to "expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults." **REUTERS**

Romney aide apologizes  
for sassing foreign media

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► Mitt Romney walks with his wife Ann in front of the World War II Warsaw Ghetto monument yesterday, in Warsaw.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney wrapped up a gaffe-filled European tour by dismissing claims he had undermined his campaign, as one of his aides swore at the media. In an interview with Fox News, Romney said reporters were allowing themselves to be diverted from woes in the U.S. economy and the substance of his own trip, in which he sided strongly with Israel and raised questions about Russian backsliding on democracy.

"There will be some ... who are far more interested in find-

**"Governor Romney, are you concerned about some of the mishaps on your trip?"**

REPORTER, SHOUTING AT ROMNEY

ing something to write about that is unrelated to the economy, to geopolitics, to the threat of war, to the reality of conflict in Afghanistan today, to a nuclearization of Iran," he said.

Romney studiously avoided making any off-the-cuff comments to the media, and — after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw — ignored shouted questions from reporters keen to get his take on his trip.

Ignoring the questions, Romney strode back to his motorcade vehicle as an aide admonished members of the press. "Kiss my ass," Rick Gorka told reporters. He later apologized.

In TV footage a voice could be heard telling reporters it was not appropriate to shout questions so close to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, "a holy site for the Polish people."

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# Second India blackout in as many days cuts power to 670 million



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▶ Indian porters push a parcels cart over railway tracks near a web of high-voltage line feeders at a train station in New Delhi yesterday. A massive power failure hit India for the second day running as three regional power grids collapsed, blacking out more than half the country.

Grids supplying electricity to half of India's 1.2 billion people collapsed yesterday, trapping coal miners, stranding train travelers and plunging hospitals into darkness in the second major blackout in as many days.

Stretching from Assam, near China, to the Himalayas and the northwestern deserts of Rajasthan, the outage was the worst to hit India in more than a decade and embarrassed the government, which has failed to build up enough power capacity to meet soaring demand.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has vowed to fast-track stalled power and infrastructure projects as well as introduce free market reforms aimed at reviving India's flagging economy. But he has drawn fire for dragging his feet.

By the afternoon rush hour, only about 40 percent of power was back up. Electricity had not been restored to all of the sweltering capital, New Delhi, and streets were clogged with commuters trying to get home.

"It's certainly shameful. Power is a very basic amenity,



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▶ Indian women and children wait inside a darkened train carriage at a railway station in New Delhi yesterday.

**"Even before we could figure out the reason for yesterday's failure, we had more grid failures today."**

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and situations like these should not occur," said Unnayan Amitabh, 19, an intern with HS-BC bank in New Delhi, as he was giving up on the under-

ground train system and flagging down an auto-rickshaw to get home.

"They talk about big ticket reforms but can't get something as essential as power supply right."

Power Minister Sushilkumar Shinde blamed the system collapse on some states drawing more than their share of electricity from the overburdened grid.

Asia's third-largest economy suffers a peak-hour power deficit of about 10 percent, dragging on economic growth. **REUTERS**

## India blackout

- ▶ 670 million people were without power in India yesterday – half the population and double the entire population of the USA.
- ▶ It's one of the world's biggest-ever power outages.
- ▶ Up to 40 percent of the pop-

- ulation is not on the national power grid anyway, so much of the country was affected.
- ▶ 12 states were affected, from the Chinese border to the border with Pakistan.
- ▶ Air conditioning failed in New Delhi where the daytime temperature was 97 degrees, the nighttime high

was 81 degrees and humidity was 94 percent.

- ▶ The city was gridlocked as traffic lights failed for the entire day.
- ▶ More than 4,000 extra police were called in to handle traffic at New Delhi intersection.
- ▶ 15-minute journeys were reportedly taking three hours.

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 Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) [monica.weymouth@metro.us](mailto:monica.weymouth@metro.us)

## What's his name? Snoop Lion



► Snoop Lion: Oh, yes we did.

We expected **Snoop Dogg** to change his name again at some point. The rapper — who was born Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., christened himself Snoop Doggy Dogg, then dropped the Doggy — was at least one reincarnation behind **Diddy**.

What we didn't expect was that we'd be calling him **Snoop Lion**.

The new name comes after a trip to Jamaica, where he visited with Rastafarian priests. "I want to bury Snoop Dogg, and become Snoop Lion," Snoop revealed at a news conference in New York. "I didn't know that until I went to the temple, where the High Priest asked me what my name was, and I said, 'Snoop Dogg.' And he looked

me in my eyes and said, 'No more. You are the light; you are the lion.' From that moment on, it's like I had started to understand why I was there."

Since when did Snoop start sounding like your too-touchy yoga teacher? That's a question for another day. For today, we ask you this: What is **Justin Bieber**'s spirit animal?

► Lindsay Lohan's spirit animal: Macaque  
Because no other animal is known to both chain smoke and steal.► Justin Bieber's spirit animal: Chipmunk  
The high voice, the admirable scrappiness, the built-in racing stripes: Chipmunk DNA is one diamond earring removed from Bieber's building blocks.► Taylor Swift's spirit animal: Gazelle  
So graceful, so delicate, so innocent. And yet, we'd be really afraid to fall in her pen.► Tom Cruise's spirit animal: Cockatoo  
Perfectly coiffed and dead behind the eyes, both of these creatures have learned to speak gibberish while mimicking humans.

## The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

## @pattonoswalt

If you're selling bed sheets at a Chevron, you probably don't need to bother announcing the thread count.

## @SteveMartinToGo

There's a new reality show on NBC called "The Olympics." The judges need to bicker more and berate the contestants.

## @AlbertBrooks

Enjoying Olympics. Just found out the high jump has nothing to do with how you watch it.

## @azizansari

House of Pain's "Jump Around" is permanently associated w/that Mrs. Doubtfire opening bday party scene.



Aziz Ansari

## Talking Points

## Katie Holmes is 'doing really great'

It's been a month since **Katie Holmes** filed for divorce from **Tom Cruise**, and apparently the lifestyle change is working out for her. "She's doing really

great. She's so strong, she's an independent girl with her own ideas. She is fine," a source close to Holmes tells *Us Weekly*. Holmes has also reportedly been spending more time with 6-year-old daughter **Suri**. "She wants to really become a parent and start teaching her strong discipline," another source says, explaining that Holmes realized the young girl had

become "very demanding and bratty."

## Tough accusations for Henry Hopper

Some heavy accusations have been leveled against actor **Henry Hopper**, the 21-year-old son of the late **Dennis Hopper**. According to legal documents obtained by *TMZ*, the mother of an

unidentified 16-year-old girl is suing Hopper over allegations he plied the girl with drugs and alcohol and raped her in his Venice, Calif., home.

## Maybe start with a puppy, Rosie

**Jason Statham** might want to take note: His girlfriend, **Rosie Huntington-Whiteley**, is think-

ing about motherhood. "I always see myself working, but definitely being a mum will be a big part of me," she tells *Elle* magazine. "I think my career is very self-indulgent. It's all about me. I'm not a doctor, I'm not looking after people, I'm not saving children. I'm in the entertainment business." According to *Huntington-Whiteley*, it's time for her "to care about other things."



## Gonna make you sweat

Sure, the Olympics are a stunning display of athletic prowess, endurance and sportsmanship. But they're also packed with international hotties. Here's why we're tuning in:

**1.** Great Britain is a little lacking in the hot athletes department. One very notable exception: Gymnast **Louis Smith**.

**2.** We can't decide if we prefer French swimmer **Camille Lacourt** dripping wet or towel-drying off.

**3.** It's not that triathlete **Sarah Groff** is incredibly hot, but that she's incredibly cool.

When CBS published playlists of the Olympians, Saucy Groffy was the only one who had Iggy Pop, Le Tigre, Pixies and Dead Kennedys. Yeah, you kinda need that aggression when you're participating in a sport that requires miles of swimming, biking and running.

**4.** There's something sexy about a woman and a sword. American fencer **Mariel Zagunis** is trying to defend her two golds in the "saber" competition.

**5.** I mean, her name is **Lolo**.



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## TV watch list

### 'Futurama'

**COMEDY.** It's fun on a bun for Bender when he enters a sausage-making contest at Oktoberfest. Not so much for Fry, who discovers, much to his dismay, that the event is no longer the beer-soaked festival of the 21st century, but now a high-class to-do.

10 p.m., Comedy Central

### 'Dallas'

**DRAMA.** John Ross is such an

agile backstabber, you'd think he was going for the gold in treachery. Tonight, his values are tested when he must choose between family and oil. 9 p.m., TNT

### 'Hollywood Builders: Total Recall'

**SPECIAL.** DIY goes behind the scenes of the upcoming summer sci-fi thriller "Total Recall" to see how the film's futuristic sets were built — before stars Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale and Jessica Biel totally blow them up.

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► The Planet Express crew visits Oktoberfest on "Futurama."

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# The CW at TCA: 'Dr. Horrible' debuts, 'Battle Royale' now in the works

► Network head discusses 'The Vampire Diaries' plot twists and Joss Whedon's online musical adaptation

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"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog," Joss Whedon's three-part musical starring Neil Patrick Harris, Nathan Fillion and Felicia Day, officially makes its television debut on Oct. 9 at 9 p.m. on The CW, the network announced at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday.

The Internet hit, about a budding super villain (Harris), was created during the Writers Guild of America strike and first ran online in 2008. Mark Pedowitz, president of The CW, said he proactively touched base with Whedon to get "Dr. Horrible" on The CW.

Pedowitz explained that the series will be reedited for time constraints, so what viewers will see is "basically what's been online."

As for additional "Dr. Horrible" stories, Pedowitz is eager to bring any potential new episodes to The CW. "Hopefully if Joss does another one, we'll



► Joss Whedon and Nathan Fillion approve.

get a crack at it," he said.

In other cult hit news, Pedowitz said the network would "love to do" a series based on the bloody, futuristic thriller "Battle Royale," a Japanese film released in 2000 with a very "Hunger Games"-like plot: The government forces high-schoolers to fight to

the death.

Though Pedowitz says he is a "big believer" in the show, he warns that an adaptation is "at this point in time only in development. Not even in development. Only a phone call."

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## Vampire news

► Regarding fantasy/sci-fi series that are returning to The CW, Pedowitz said the new season of "The Vampire Diaries" will (spoiler alert!) explore Elena's transition into a vampire and asks: "Does she follow Stefan's path or Damon's path?"

► Considering the series' high body count, Pedowitz confirmed there will be new faces on Season 4, premiering Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. "There are always new characters," he said. "And those who are dead can return."

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# Bob DiPiero: Country in his heart



▶ DiPiero is behind hits by George Strait, Travis Tritt and more.

Bob DiPiero isn't a household name, but he's probably had more No. 1 hits than the country music superstars who've fronted his songs, like McGraw, Brooks & Dunn and Strait. But it isn't the fact that he's had, oh, 15 No. 1 hits and countless other charting songs that surprises DiPiero. It's that he's still in the game.

"The thing that most amazes me is that I'm still doing this 30 years from the first song that I ever had recorded, which was by Reba McEntire. That's like three lifetimes in a songwriter's career," DiPiero half-jokes. "It's my love and my passion, so I just feel lucky every day I still get to write songs."

The CMA board member also helmed the annual songwriter's tour, basing it on Nashville's Bluebird Cafe's in-the-round songwriter sessions, which similarly feature the people behind the hits with big stars often dropping by. Last summer, Kenny Chesney sat in on a tour stop and this year Carrie Underwood does likewise.

"Kenny really has a songwriter's heart. That's the key to these shows, especially when we have these iconic perform-

## Making a hit

Before DiPiero hit the road for the tour, he chatted to us from Nashville, where he's working on songs with Grammy winner extraordinaire T Bone Burnett for a new TV series called "Nashville." We asked for his secret to writing a No. 1 hit:

▶ "If there was a secret, I would keep it to myself and I'd work only one day a week," DiPiero chuckles. "It's a combination of a gift, tenacity, hard work and timing. And luck! Songwriters I know who have had a long career are hard workers. They don't wait for inspiration to come to them; they go seek it out. We have to continually create."

ers like Kenny and Carrie. They are both songwriters, they are both involved in writing their songs and choosing their songs. They take a seat at the shows with the right credentials."

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### Hulu Plus comes to Apple TV

Good news for Apple TV owners: Hulu Plus was quietly added to the device's list of options on Tuesday.

The service went live Tuesday morning, a Hulu

rep confirmed. Apple TV currently offers streaming for Netflix, YouTube, Vimeo and Apple's own array of movies, TV shows and podcasts. Hulu Plus costs \$7.99 a month — the same price as Netflix's streaming-only service.

Though not as high-profile as the iPhone or the iPad, Apple TV has been a hit for Apple, selling 4 million units over the past fiscal year. Last quarter, Apple sold 1.3 million of the devices compared to Microsoft's 1.1 million Xbox 360s.

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# The skinny on ice cream

## Joy's healthy bite



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Four heat waves and counting, it's no surprise ice cream is a hot commodity this summer. While overindulging on cones and cups can pack on the pounds, it's easier than you think to get your cool, creamy fix without feeling the squeeze in your bathing suit.

Most calorie counters eschew ice cream and hit the fro-yo line instead, thinking they're being oh-so-virtuous, but is it really a healthier choice? It depends. Frozen yogurt and light ice cream are both made with low-fat milk, so they're lower in fat and calories than regular, full-fat ice cream. In fact, fro-yo and light ice cream are pretty much identical nutritionally, with the only major difference being that frozen yogurt is made with added cultures. However, not all of these so-called "good bacteria" survive the freezing process. Bottom line: Frozen yogurt and light



Opt for a small cup or cone — and watch the toppings — on your next ice cream run.

ice creams tie for first place in the frozen treat category, so go ahead and choose whichever you prefer.

To indulge guilt-free, follow these simple pointers:

**1** When it comes to soft serve frozen yogurt or ice cream at your favorite chain, stick with a small cup or go for the wafer cone. At just 20 additional calories, a lightweight wafer cone is a total bargain compared to sugar and waffle varieties, which can tack on 100 extra calories.

**2** Keep your cool at the topping bar — choose just one of your favorite add-ons to keep the calories from skyrocketing. If you're looking for the healthiest toppers, opt for fresh fruit, chopped nuts or dark chocolate chips.

**3** When you're buying hard packed light ice creams and frozen yogurts at the grocery store, I recommend brands that have no more than 150 calories, 20 grams sugar and 4 grams saturated fat per ½ cup serving. Use the same guidelines for individual bars, sandwiches and other frozen novelties.

— For more tips on healthy eating, follow Joy Bauer on Facebook and Twitter (@joybauer) and visit [www.joybauer.com](http://www.joybauer.com).

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## Tasty finds

► **Stonyfield "Oikos" Greek Frozen Yogurt:** Stonyfield turned their rich, creamy, nonfat Greek yogurt into a frozen dessert, and it's a winner. The yogurt base gives it a terrific tangy flavor, plus an impressive 6 grams protein per serving, more than most frozen desserts.

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## No sugar-coating here: The deal with sweeteners

When it comes to the sweet stuff, how bad is bad? Is any sweetener, be it sugar or stevia, healthy? And if so, which is healthiest?

We asked Anne Rollins — a nutritional consultant for Boston's Joint Ventures Physical Therapy and Fitness centers, and a marathon veteran who knows the value of energy-giving foods — to evaluate the pros and cons.

**Cane sugar:** "I don't think it's as bad as it's presumed to be. The problem is the excessive amount we eat, because it's added to everything, and it doesn't contribute vitamins and minerals. Brown sugar has the same caloric value, but does contain trace elements — but

you'd have to eat so much for it to add any significant nutrients that it would be detrimental to health."

**High-fructose corn syrup:** "I rarely say never eat something, but I'd say never eat high-fructose corn syrup. Research has shown that it turns off leptin receptors and has an impact on cholesterol, leading to higher levels of bad cholesterol."

**Stevia:** "Stevia is a plant, but the sweetener is extracted and



## Nectresse

"This is a zero calorie sweetener manufactured by the makers of Splenda. Nectresse uses an extract from monk fruit, a melon found in Asia. The extract is a sugar alcohol — sugar alcohols



are known to cause gastrointestinal [problems]; however the makers claim this product [doesn't] cause GI upsets. Because of its newness, we do not have any research regarding longterm effects or side effects."

processed and refined. People think it's better than sugar, because it has zero calories. Truvia is just a brand name for a stevia sweetener."

**Equal:** "Equal is made from aspartame. Aspartame was found to cause brain tumors, but there wasn't much research that followed up that finding. But once the alarm bells went off, it stuck."

**Splenda and Sweet'N Low:** "Sweet'N Low is actually sugar that's been molecularly altered. What that does in the body isn't really known. Splenda is another artificial sweetener de-

rived from sugar. Many artificial sweeteners start as a plant."

**Agave nectar:** "This is one I like a lot. It's from a plant, it's natural and it doesn't affect the glycemic index like sugar, because it doesn't break down into glucose. It's the best one to lessen the risk of diabetes and endocrine issues."

**Honey:** "Honey is very good. There's great research on its antibacterial and antimicrobial properties. So, you're adding an immunity-fighting element to your diet. Plus it's very sweet, so you use less."

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# Recent findings from global Alzheimer's Association meeting

This month's Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Vancouver, Canada, unveiled new research into the condition's causes and possible "cure." Here's what we learned.

**1 Eyes: Not just a window to the soul:** Cedars-Sinai researchers presented a new method of monitoring the progress of Alzheimer's. They said that the same beta-amyloid protein plaque buildup in the brain that is thought to be a cause or contributor to Alzheimer's is also found in the retina. Because deposits can be seen in the retina before they accumulate in the brain, noninvasive monitoring via retinal imaging could be used for early detection and in evaluating treatment response.

**2 Blood pressure enzyme works on the brain:** Cedars-Sinai also presented the results of targeted use of angiotensin-converting enzyme, which is often used to control blood pressure, in breaking down one of the peptides that forms the aforementioned brain plaque. Thus, the body's own immune response may help fight this damaging disease.



► Beta-amyloid protein plaque buildup in the eyes might be an early indicator of Alzheimer's disease.

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**3 Added alcohol consumption increased dementia risk:** Two studies suggest that alcohol use ups one's chance of cognitive decline. In the 20-year study's final phase, moderate drinkers were around 60 percent more likely to develop cognitive impairment. Astonishingly, nondrinking women who took up drinking later in the study had a 200 percent increased risk.

**4 Gait change could be a sign of cognitive impairment:**

Swiss researchers unveiled data suggesting that alterations in the way people walk as they get older could be linked to a weakening in brain function. Their study found that patients with Alzheimer's were more likely to walk slower than their healthy counterparts. The researchers want doctors to monitor gait and further test anyone with such changes for cognitive failure.

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## Diversity includes all sorts of opinions

Speaker Quinn, like politicians across the country, wants to block the Chick-fil-A franchise from the city.

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If this is true, we should also be city that respects the right to divergent views.

CAROLYN DAVIS, BROOKLYN

## Purse power best way to show views

Everyone has the right to eat or trade where they will, but we must understand the power of the purse. Especially in these tough economic times, businesses need your money.

The best way to let a company know we won't toler-

ate hate and bigotry, especially in the name of religion, is to keep your money in your wallet and walk on by.

Just say no. Your heart and the LGBT community will thank you.

KIM WILLIAMS, WOODSIDE, N.Y.

## Gun control: Either no one or everyone should be armed?

After reading the article about gun control and Erich Pratt's comments suggesting that if more people in the theater were armed, the body count would have been less, nearly drove me insane. Picture a packed theater with armed people exchanging fire with who knows who because it's dark and no one knows who the initial

shooter is because everyone's shooting blindly.

Yes we need gun control alright, not just for the weapons but for these kind of gun owners with such reckless ideas like that.

JONATHAN PERRY, VIA E-MAIL

Gun control: When all guns are finally outlawed, ONLY the outlaws will have them.

JIM ALVIN, BROOKLYN

## Wealthy are worth more to country

What difference does it make if Gov. Romney shows us his tax returns from this year or 30 years ago. Some people would still not vote for him anyway.

Gov. Romney is a very smart, successful, wealthy businessman.

We should all be so fortunate.

In times of economic trouble, like him or not, he could turn this country around.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

When will the dead wood of society shut up or at the very least, be embarrassed about their demands for others to do their "fair share"? You couldn't buy a curbstone for what you parasites put into the system.

I may not be a huge Romney fan or of the "wealthy," BUT I know that he puts way more into the system in a single year than I (and my friends and family) will put into it in a lifetime.

Don't give me that "effective tax rate" crap either — 10 percent of Romney is far more valuable than 99 percent of your net worth, and he still only gets one vote.

YOU don't pay a fair share, but still get more than your share of services, so stop crying already.

JOSHUA D. TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL

## Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even though you might not believe it to be true, your judgment is excellent. Don't ponder on things to the point of confusion, causing you to err on the side of caution.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Financial matters could be a bit tricky for you, so move slowly when dealing with them. In order to stay in the profit column, do not allow your expenditures to overpower your resources.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Certain friends whom you enjoy might not appeal to your mate or family. You'd better get your family's approval if you want to include your pals on a guest list you're assembling.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Due to an unusual change, unearned benefits might come your way. If you fail to share your good luck with others, the source might be shut down.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Because you're a bit impulsive, there is a strong possibility that you could do something that would arouse feelings of giver's remorse.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** A wonderful opportunity might unexpectedly manifest, but it won't be offered solely to you. You must be quick to act on it before others beat you to the punch.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Although you are likely to be fortunate when you are left solely to your own devices, this same luck may not be present with any involvements that you share with others.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Analyze all joint endeavors very carefully, because they could contain more problems than promises. Make sure each component is examined for its own merit.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't let it be said of you that you're a nice person only as long as everybody agrees with you. Be kind to everyone.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** The way you're handling a financial matter may not be optimal, but if you see that it's working fairly well so far, don't switch plans this late in the game.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You should do OK when you rely upon yourself to make sure you have an environment in which you can work, but when you depend upon others, it'll be anybody's guess.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If there is an objective you're presently pursuing that is substantial and meaningful, don't let anybody convince you it would be impossible to achieve and thus stop your quest.

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## Across

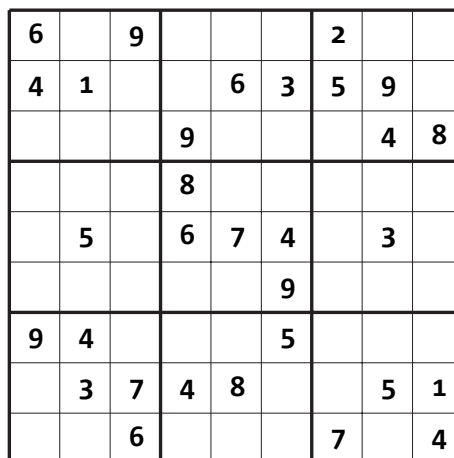
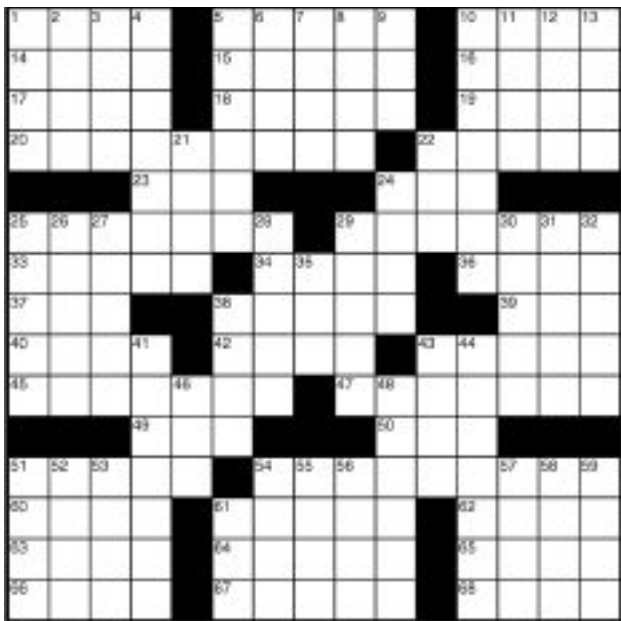
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20 Wooded with music  
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61 Danish islands  
62 Town east of Wichita  
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64 Of longer standing  
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66 Listen carefully  
67 Arranges for  
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2 Pear-shaped instrument  
3 Skunk's forte  
4 Kind of house (hyph.)  
5 Albert's realm  
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8 June celebrant  
9 Slippery fish  
10 Houston Space Center  
11 A woodwind  
12 Bit of straw  
13 For fear that  
21 Rock guitarist \_\_\_ Lofgren  
22 They, in Calais  
24 Leaf collector

- 25 Hardly Mr. Cool  
26 Bogart's "High Sierra" role  
27 Solemn watch  
28 Choir selection  
29 Little Richard's hometown  
30 Bete \_\_\_  
31 Carries on  
32 Luxury craft  
35 Four quarters  
38 QB \_\_\_ Williams  
41 Stuck, as a ship  
43 Warm-water shark

- 44 Farsi speaker  
46 John, in Glasgow  
48 Diners  
51 Hamper contents  
52 Aspirin target  
53 Stick together  
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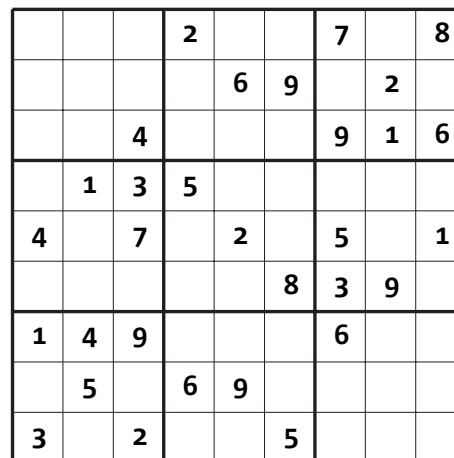


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## Solution to yesterday's crossword



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# Games and beer: It's on the House

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London has an extreme case of Olympic fever, and the medicine for it is beer.

For the thousands of fans who did not score tickets to events, London has set up multiple public viewings, where big-screen TVs show the events live. Nothing makes a better match than drinking and sports, and that's where the Houses of Nations come in.

These unique pop-up venues dot the city map, each offering a familiar place for fans of many countries, with traditional fare, screenings of events with local athletes — and don't forget the beer.

"If you haven't got tickets,



CASSANDRA GARRISON/METRO

Fans take in the men's 4x200 freestyle relay at one of the international Houses.

you get the atmosphere here, which is better than watching at home on your couch," Andy Pronger, a Team Great Britain fan told Metro from inside a giant tented bar next to London Tower. White leather couches and strings of lights across the

ceiling would give off the impression of an nightclub, if it weren't for the sports coverage being aired on giant projector screens.

Pingpong tables and arcade games bring fans from all countries together in their own

friendly competitions. Some Houses of Nations are hang-outs for all international fans, while others are geared toward specific nationalities. Fans can find Casa Brazil, Czech House, French Olympic Village, Russia Park and many more. There is

## Quoted

"Drinking is a big part of the culture of England. You can't pay to get into every venue. ... This is good for the local businesses."

KELTON SCOTT, ENGLAND

n't a specific place for Team USA fans, but many Americans find their way to one of the two "come one, come all" Houses of Nations.

"I really like it here," American student Rachel Eldridge told Metro as she drank Pimms with other American and British friends. "It's a cool venue to watch the games, enjoy it and be a part of it, and not have to pay for the 200-pound tickets."

Kelton Scott and his wife, Heidi, came to the House of Nations not for a drink, but to get a photo with an official Olympic torch — one of the many incentives the pop-up bars offer to bring fans in from off the street — but that's not to say they, and many other fans, haven't spent plenty of time in London's rich pub scene.

— Cassandra Garrison is covering the Olympics live from London. Follow her at @CassieAtMetro.

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## Tune in



## Three events to catch today:

► American Kathleen Hersey, the top qualifier in the women's 200-meter butterfly, faces off against the Chinese favorites. Camille Adams (USA) will compete in both the 200-meter fly and pair up with Missy Franklin and crew in the 4x200 freestyle.

► United States flag bearer Mariel Zagunis begins her quest for a third gold medal in fencing as she competes in the individual sabre.

► Women's doubles tennis has reached the quarterfinals and both U.S. teams are still alive. The favorites are Venus and Serena Williams, who will face Italy. The two have won five doubles titles at Wimbledon, including one a few weeks ago.

MARK OSBORNE



## The games in pictures

- 1 Jordyn Wieber celebrates as the U.S. women's gymnastics team is announced as gold medalists.
- 2 America's Allison Schmitt destroyed the rest of the field in the 200-meter freestyle, winning by almost two seconds.



- 3 Jennifer Kessy, one half of the U.S. beach volleyball team you don't know, beat the Netherlands to stay undefeated.

- 4 Tyson Chandler denies the Tunisian offense in a 47-point rout in their second game.

- 5 Doping allegations didn't keep Ye Shiwen from winning her second gold, this in the 200-meter IM.



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## Medal count



|          | G  | S | B |
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| 1. CHINA | 13 | 6 | 4 |



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|------------------|---|---|---|
| 2. UNITED STATES | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| 3. JAPAN         | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| 4. FRANCE        | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| 5. SOUTH KOREA   | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 6. ITALY         | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 7. RUSSIA        | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 8. GERMANY       | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 9. AUSTRALIA     | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 10. ROMANIA      | 1 | 2 | 2 |



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# Baker breaks out for Jets

► Young tight end brushes off broken nose to get back in game ► Baker: 'Just knew it was bleeding a lot' ► Versatile player becomes Tebow favorite

## Over for Otah with Jets

The trade that was supposed to bring competition at right tackle has instead made Wayne Hunter more entrenched as starter.

General manager Mike Tannenbaum announced last week's trade with Carolina for Jeff Otah was void after the player failed his physical for the second time in a week.

"Jeff gave us a really good week," Tannenbaum said. "He did everything we asked for the past week and the terms of the trade weren't met."

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On Sunday morning, midway through practice, tight end Josh Baker took a hit that caused his helmet to jar and a stream of blood to pour out from his nose.

Forced to the sideline and then to the locker room for a good chunk of plays, he had to wear a red, no-contact pinnie upon his return to the field for the rest of practice. The injury came during the first time all camp the Jets were in pads.

Come Monday, Baker was on the field again wearing his traditional white No. 45 jersey, a full go after the shakeup from the day before.

"It was one of those freak things. I didn't know that my nose was broken. I just knew it was bleeding a lot," Baker said. "[The medical staff] knew; I didn't. I just wanted to get back out there on the field. They wouldn't let me."



**"When someone breaks their nose, you know things are going well for you."**

REX RYAN, ON THE JETS' TOUGHNESS

Bloody accidents aside, it has been a solid camp for Baker, a second-year tight end who had three catches for 27 yards last year, including a touchdown catch in the Week 16 loss to the Giants.

Baker played most of his college football at Delaware before spending a final season at Division II Northwest

Missouri State. He can play H-back and line up at tight end and has become a favorite target of quarterback Tim Tebow.

Baker is likely to see more playing this season as both a backup to tight end Dustin Keller and fullback John Conner. Tony Sparano's transition back to a more physical and less vertical offense means Baker could see more catches out of the backfield for short gains.

"It hurt a lot, bad pain for sure," Baker said of the broken nose. "But I wanted to get back out there yesterday, even if it meant wearing that red jersey — and I wanted to be out there today and 100 percent involved. I've got a job to do, and I want to go out there and do it."

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► Baker's lone NFL touchdown came against the Giants in Week 16 last season.

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# Deadline passes by Mets, Yanks

► Busy day sees Phillies fire sale, Dempster move ► Alderson stands pat ► Bombers make minor addition

For an hour or two leading up to the 4 p.m. MLB trade deadline, it looked like the Yankees might add the best starting pitcher on the market.

Instead it was all smoke, as the Yankees passed on acquiring Ryan Dempster and largely passed on the deadline as a whole. The only move was the trade of Chad Qualls for Pittsburgh third baseman Casey McGehee. McGehee is batting .230 with eight home runs and will likely spell Eric Chavez against lefties while Alex Rodriguez continues to recover from his broken hand.

Reports in the early afternoon had the Yankees inquiring into the availability of Cubs right-hander Dempster, who is 5-5 with a 2.25 ERA for lowly Chicago. Dempster, who wouldn't waive a no-trade clause to go to the Braves last week said he would to come to New York. In the end, the Rangers made a better offer and he will join the Yankees' current main rival in the Amer-

## Ph-ire sale

The Phillies went into full sell mode before yesterday's deadline:

- They traded **Shane Victorino** to the Dodgers and **Hunter Pence** to the Giants.

ican League.

But at least the Yankees did something. The Mets, stuck halfway between buyers and sellers, let the afternoon deadline pass without making any moves.

General manager Sandy Alderson reiterated that the team was still a buyer, even though they are now 8 1/2 games out of the NL wild card.

"We didn't give up on the buying activity at all," he said. "But certainly we ended up with a more modest agenda."



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## Teixeira injury not serious

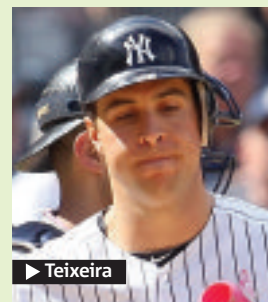
The Yankees received a bit of a respite from their current struggles when the MRI on Mark Teixeira's injured left wrist showed no structural damage.

Teixeira was removed from Monday night's game after diving for a line drive

down the line and landing on the wrist. X-rays taken after the game were negative.

Teixeira received a cortisone shot and plans to take a few days off.

"I'd love to be able to get here early on Friday and swing a bat and be able to tell [manager] Joe [Girardi] that I can play," Teixeira said. "We're gonna take it easy the next couple days,



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just treat it and then we'll see where we are on Friday."

Teixeira said he suffered a similar injury in 2009, followed a similar course of action and hasn't felt any pain since.

The Yankees had lost eight of their last 11 games going into last night's game and a double-digit lead in the division was down to 6 1/2 games. ● METRO



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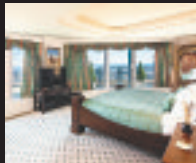
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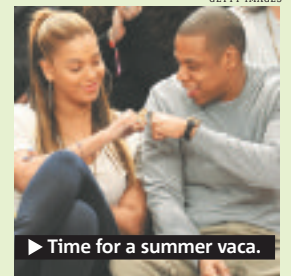


### Jay-Z, Beyonce to spend August in the Hamptons

While still searching for a \$43.5 million buyer, East End builder Joe Farrell's "Sandcastle" estate in Bridgehampton has found a famous family to rent it. Jay-Z and Beyonce are leasing the 31,000-square-foot home on 11 acres along Halsey Lane for August at a cost of \$400,000, the New York Post reported.

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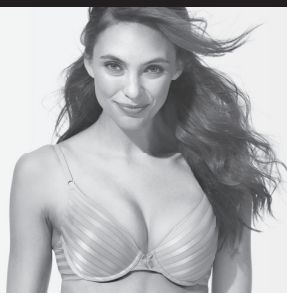
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